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## IT WOULD BE A STRONG PLANK.

There has been some discussion in the republican party in this state as to whether it would be advisable to insert in the republican platform, this year, a public utilities commission plank, and the idea of commission rule for municipalities is meeting with increasing favor.

Eventually this commission idea will rule in the larger cities of Indiana. It is only a question of time for those who have studied the method of municipal government never want any other.

It would eliminate politics from being the dominating factor in municipal life and heaven only knows what a god-send that would be to some of the struggling municipalities that are cursed with a pernicious and graft-ridden political ring.

If the republican party in Indiana wants to lead, let it favor the public utilities commission. For the good of the state, let us get rid of this millstone around our necks.

## HASTY JUDGMENT INADVISABLE.

The protests against the Gary Heat, Light & Water company, which were incorporated in a petition presented to the city council last night signed by about seventy citizens, were a little unreasonable and some of them not at all possible. This asseveration was undoubtedly inspired by men, who, on the spur of the moment, believed that they had been wronged—and with intent—by the "unholy greed" of a public service corporation, which word has now become synonymous in the minds of many people with everything that is utterly unprincipled and destitute of virtue.

It may be possible that the rates in Gary for gas, water, and electricity are exorbitant, but it is certain that they are not in excess of the terms stipulated in the franchise granted to the company by the town board of Gary. For this phase of the question the town authorities only are accountable.

As for the other charges in question, none of them seem logical, except for the possibility of the inaccuracy of the meters. This is the only manner in which the consumers could be robbed. If the dials show more gas, electricity or water than is actually consumed, it is a serious matter. The meters can be easily tested and the assertion verified or disproved, but it would not seem feasible for an office to be created permanently for this purpose and maintained by the city at considerable expense. There is a cheaper and as fully satisfactory a way to determine this than through a permanent inspector.

As far as the reading of the meter is concerned there is no way in which the company can cheat the people. If it is over-read one month, this must adjust itself on the next reading and show a correspondingly smaller amount consumed. This may happen frequently, or there may be a clerical mistake in computing the amount of the bills, but the public has as much chance for protection against these errors as they have in the settlement of an ordinary grocery bill, if they will take the precaution to determine this for themselves as they would in any other business transaction. A child, with the ability to read, subtract and multiply, is capable of figuring out the proper amount of a gas, electric or water bill intelligently.

It hardly seems possible that the Gary company has deliberately robbed the public by the installation of fast meters, but as there is seemingly a question in the minds of some of the people on this point, it would be well for the council to make a thorough investigation to satisfy them that they are absolutely in the right or wrong. The assertion is a serious one, and one which is vital to the public and the corporation involved, but is not a matter which would necessitate the creation of a permanent office for that purpose.

## SENATORIAL POSSIBILITIES IN INDIANA.

L. Ert Slack, who had been mentioned as a democratic candidate to succeed Senator Beveridge from Indiana, has withdrawn from the race. We are not acquainted with the Hon. L. Ert Slack, as such, but we regard his decision as eminently wise in the circumstances. His act, we are informed, was performed at the demand of the Hon. Thomas L. Taggart, who has already shooed John W. Kern away from the same ambition.

There is no telling what or whom Mr. Taggart has up his sleeve. There are vast senatorial probabilities in Indiana democracy, and he may be depended upon to put in his best Fresh Licks in making his choice. There are, for instance, E. H. Hoover of Clinton, the Hon. Buck Hesaw of Winamac and the Pink Mink Marsh, Fotsy Stott of Terre Haute, Telfer Bull of Richmond, not to mention Bart Holtzslaw, president of the Federation of Fat Men's club in the state. These are all good democrats who voted for Bryan every time he ran. They stand for 16-to-1, the guarantee bank deposits, and the free coinage of white chips without the aid of consent of any foreign nation. Mr. Taggart will find no difficulty in choosing a man acceptable to the majority of the legislature and fit to represent the state at Washington, although this last is neither here nor there.—Chicago Tribune.

## HE WOULD WIN MUCH FAME.

That the punishment provided in the Indiana statute for the crime of rape is entirely inadequate in many cases is again demonstrated in the case of John Yochum, who was brought to the state prison the other evening to serve from two to twenty-one years for a crime that resulted indirectly in the death of his victim, a child of 13 years. He should have been hanged instead of being comfortably confined and cared for at the state's expense for a couple of years and then turned loose to again demoralize the debauch little girls.

Yochum was a C. & E. I. section boss at Williamsport and his victim was a 13-year-old orphan named Gertrude Bessey. Mrs. Yochum was her husband's accuser and he fled the country. The crime was committed last August and because of the notoriety the girl became so humiliated that she committed suicide by taking Paris green.

On Jan. 28, less than a month ago, Sheriff Dan Tague of Williamsport, located Yochum at Mackey, Parke county, and placed him under arrest. He entered a plea of guilty to the crime of rape and was sentenced to two to twenty-one years in prison—the most severe penalty the law provides for such a most heinous crime.—Michigan City News.

Just think of this distressing and awful case. Think of this outraged, humiliated and much-to-be-pitied orphan girl, and think of the monster who may get out of the penitentiary after eighteen months of easy life. The legislator from Lake county, who would devote his energy to drawing up a bill providing rigorous penalty for such brutes would win everlasting fame and do real good to humanity.

## RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

WHAT are you giving up during Lent?

A CHOP suey house is no place for a 17-year-old girl.

THE Easter bonnet is hurrying this way as fast as it possibly can.

ABOUT time to cut out the petty as well as the big grafter from politics.

TOM Knott's friends in Hammond can't scare O. J. Bruce with any explosion talk.

YOU always find that the man who has plenty of advice to give is never stingy with it.

THE average man spends more money on a foolish habit than he does on his wife's hats.

WHERE is the Jeffersonian harmony? What care we about the Jeffersonian simplicity?

WHEN a tramp optician comes to see you, turn him over to the police, for that is where he belongs.

THE Huntington News-Democrat calls Mayors Knotts and Becker the Indiana Judas, and guess that's going some.

YOU might ask Grimmer where he stands on the brewery question when he comes around and asks you for your support?

IT was such a big message, Mr. Taft, that we don't see how you could enjoy yourself at dinner—even at the Waldorf.

A DISBARMENT case against a yer named Holler has been filed in La-Porte county. Gee, what a h— he will make.

THE Indiana Harbor Sentinel recently burned out of its home, is bravely started again. A regular little Phoenix, etc.

OCCASIONALLY there are girls who learn in plenty of time that there are young men after them who don't want their hearts at all.

BEEN so busy blowing on our fingers these days that we forgot to say that the coal men are doing lots of rice advertising this year.

MAJOR Peyton got his \$400 mahogany set, but it may cost Governor Marshall a great deal more than that before he is through with it.

THERE are still a number of influential men left in Lake county whom the Post has not given places on the republican county ticket.

EQUALLY is not the basis of friendship. What's the use of being friends with a man who hasn't more money than you have, so you can borrow a little.

A HUNGARIAN physician reported to have killed an incurable patient, to end his agony of pain, will be tried for murder. No it didn't happen in the Standard district.

WHAT difference does it make whether the republican editors endorsed or not? As a matter of fact the "Pev" again guessed wrong, for they did not "endorse."

WE would suggest that the "Pev" and its pal, the Hammond News, have their quips canned and plated. It would save considerable composition and be just as deadly.

IF the man who said Mr. Binzen will be a candidate for sheriff will come up to the office we'll dine him on that new delicacy, cactus, with the spines left in, of course.

JERSEY City woman, six feet two inches in height, complains because the men stare at her on the street. Sorry sister, but they wonder what sort of stunts you have, probably.

CONTEMPORARY wants to know if Roosevelt were speaker, any of the members would ever get the floor. Another points out that some would get the floor, some the ceiling and others would be thrown clean out of the capitol.

A SHERIFF'S sale, covering three pages of newspaper is something unusual. Yesterday's issue of the Hammond Times contained a notice of that length. It is a case in which the town of Gary is plaintiff and Hans Hold et al. defendants.—Rensselaer Republican.

Nothing unusual in Lake county.

## UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

## HER BACK NO FOOT-WARMER.

The old-fashioned habit of warming one's feet in the middle of another's back caused the arrest of Isa Watkins, colored, 520 Cincinnati street, Indianapolis, early yesterday morning. Bicycles Simon and Dickson were sent to the address upon call by Mrs. Watkins. To protect herself, Mrs. Watkins told the officers, she went to bed each night with a pin. This she thrust into Isa's foot Sunday morning, causing him to become angry and search for a weapon.

## WANTS HUSBAND PARDONED.

Mrs. Andrew J. Becht, whose husband is serving a sentence of thirty days in the county jail at Columbus for running a "blind tiger," will shortly present to Governor Marshall a petition asking for her husband's pardon. The petition contains hundreds of names, many of which are those of the leading citizens of that city.

## ANNOUNCES CONVENTION DATE.

At a meeting of the republican county central committee in Valparaiso Saturday afternoon it was decided to hold the county convention on March 25. Primaries will be held on March 25. There are twenty candidates for the various offices.

## WHEAT CROP PROMISING.

Already farmers near Bloomington are beginning to speculate on the condition of the wheat crop. In Monroe county much of the wheat was sown late, and that sown earlier made little growth because of the dryness of the soil. The early winter was favorable to the young wheat, however, heavy snow covering much of the land for several weeks during the severe cold of December, and the wheat came out into the new year looking very well.

## SAVES HOME FROM FIRE.

By hurling a blazing lamp out of doors Mrs. Barney Peak of Orinoco saved her home from destruction by fire, but in doing so one of her hands was severely burned. The lamp exploded early Saturday morning, and, grabbing it, Mrs. Peak hurled it from the room at the risk of her life.

## LET PEOPLE DECIDE.

At a conference in Anderson Saturday night between the city council, the mayor and the school board a resolution was adopted whereby the council will pass an ordinance this week calling for a special election immediately at which the people of the city will de-

cide whether they want a municipal heating plant.

## MEAT HIGHT. STEAL CHICKENS.

A marked increase in chicken stealing in Marion county and Indianapolis is attributed by the police to the increased cost of meats. Within the last few months and, the officers say, dating back perhaps a year, the number of raids made on hen roosts weekly has steadily increased.

## BLAME CRAZY MAN.

Evidence to prove that the letters alleged to have been received by Bessie Devoe, the pretty vaudeville dancer and former Evansville girl, who has brought suit against Frank Gould, multi-millionaire, in New York for \$100,000 as a part balm for alleged breach of promise, was not from the man she is suing, but from Frank Young, her former dancing teacher, who is now confined in the Southern Indiana hospital for the insane, is being searched for by Evansville attorneys.

## COEDS ON A STRIKE.

The coeds of the Brazil High school are on strike aiming at the faculty of the school, which recently promulgated an order that the male students would not be permitted to attend the basketball games of the girls' teams.

## INVESTIGATE BLIND TIGERS.

The Madison county grand jury will probably finish the investigation of alleged "blind tigers" in Anderson this week, according to a statement made by Prosecutor Fred Van Nuys on Sunday night.

## GETS \$100 PRIZE.

Miles Gooding, 16 years old, of Frankton, received a check Sunday for \$100 as the first prize for the most perfect ear of corn exhibited at the national corn show at Omaha, Neb. Young Gooding is a junior in the Franklin High school.

## FLEMING BREAKS MAN'S LAW.

Former State Senator Stephen B. Fleming of Fort Wayne won for himself a further title of "defender of women" Saturday afternoon, when, in front of the Anthony hotel and in the presence of a crowd, he felled to the ground with a blow from his fist a drunken traveling man who had been insulting women on the street. Mr. Fleming broke the man's jaw. The traveler was considered larger than Mr. Fleming, but this did not phase the brewery magnate, who is noted for his fistie prowess.

## Uncle Walt

## The Poet Philosopher

## THE PASSING KINGS.

When kings cash in, and leave their thrones, and join the heap of royal bones in some expensive tomb, their subjects nearly split your ears with doleful cries; they splutter tears, and fairly wade in gloom. And if you ask the reason why, they're apt to wink the other eye, while till their walls resound; "when monarchs croak" some hoary swain will buttonhole you and explain, "We always snort around; it is a long-established game; our great-grandfathers did the same, their sires before them, too; I can't explain the reason why, but folks, so long as kings shall die, will raise a howdy-do. I've never seen our king who's dead, nor viewed the crown upon his head, nor gloried in his smile; but now, excuse me for a spell, for I must prance around and yell, since mourning is in style." It must be tough to be a king, to do, and have fake mourners bring their garlands to your bier; to have a lot of dirges sung, and banners from the half-mast flung—and not an honest tear. It must be tough to lie in state, all cooped up in a gilded casket, with soldiers standing by; to lie embalmed within a box while people let our greivous awaaks—but not an honest sigh.

WALT MASON.

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## Political Announcements

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE

To the Republican Voters: I am a candidate for re-election as representative of Lake county on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the republican electors of the county in convention or primaries. I ask a fair investigation, and consideration of my record and solicit support. I found worthy. Your obedient servant, E. W. WICKLEY.

## FOR TREASURER

Editor Times: Will you kindly announce in your paper that I will be a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the republican nominating convention.

W. A. HILL.

Editor Times: You are requested to announce that I will be a candidate for county treasurer on the republican ticket, subject to the wishes of the electors at the primaries or nominating convention, to be held at a later date.

A. J. SWANSON.

## FOR SURVEYOR

Editor Times: You are requested to announce that I will be a candidate for county surveyor on the republican ticket, subject to the wishes of the electors at the primaries or nominating convention.

J. B. MURPHY.

Editor Times: You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the republican nomination of county surveyor, subject to the wishes of the republican nominating convention at a date to be decided upon later.

RAY SEELY.

## "THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

February 15.  
1806—Joseph Bonaparte entered Naples and soon afterward was chosen king.  
1812—Charles Lewis Tiffany, a pioneer diamond merchant of New York, born. Died Feb. 18, 1902.  
1842—Bowling Green, Ky., evacuated by the Confederates.  
1870—Prince Arthur attended the opening of the third session of the

## DVER.

The remains of the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John Nondorf were interred in the St. Joseph's cemetery here Monday morning. The little child died last Friday.

Messrs. Ed. Scheidt, Carl Kellman and George Spanier of Chicago Heights spent Sunday at their home town here.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock left yesterday afternoon for their home in Yonkers, N. Y., after spending several weeks with Postmaster Baker and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Austgen of Hammond were guests of relatives out here over Sunday.

The Lady Foresters held their regular meeting at the parochial school Sunday afternoon.

Herbert Kellman, who had been employed at the Lion store at Hammond

## Bride and Widow Who Is Defendant in Lawyer's Novel Inheritance Suit.



for a long time, has quit his work there and came home to stay with his mother on the farm.

George Boos of Hammond spent Sunday with friends here in Dyer.

Miss Lilly Spanier visited with her mother here over Sunday.

Bernard Baker of Chicago spent Sunday with his parents at this place.

## HEGEWISCH.

Mrs. Jacobson of Chicago spent Sunday with her son, Edward Jacobson, and family, also I. Jacobson of Chicago visited here Sunday. They were glad to find Mr. Jacobson much better than he had been in the past week.

Miss Sadie Yallowitz of Hammond was a Hegewisch visitor Sunday afternoon.

The Misses Lillian and Albena Doe and Miss Mamie Polen witnessed a basketball game at Hammond Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. E. Bundy entertained very charmingly at a dinner party last Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Cheeney, Mr. and Mrs. H. Box and daughter, Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kuss and daughter, Ada.

Miss Carrie Hill spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Hegewisch and Burnham.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will hold a special meeting next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. A. Martindale. All members are urged to be present, as important business must be transacted.

V. A. Beckman left here Sunday evening for Cincinnati, O., for a short business trip.

Dr. and Mrs. Acheman of New York city are spending a few days in Chicago. Mrs. Acheman spent Sunday with her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Hollingshead.

## ST. JOHN.

Miss Frances Klassen returned from Lowell Sunday, where she spent several days with friends.

Mrs. Pfeifer has been on the sick list since last week, but is improving steadily.

Edward Scherer returned to Chicago Monday after spending Sunday with his parents.

August Koehle was again appointed supervisor for the gravel roads by the

## WORK OF THE DAY IN CONGRESS

## IN THE SENATE.

Carter of Montana introduced a bill agreed upon by committee on irrigation authorizing issue of \$30,000,000 certificates of indebtedness to continue irrigation projects.

Authority given for printing Taft's New York speech in record as a public document at request of Senator Hale.

Clark reports that committee on judiciary is not yet ready to report on measure for popular election of senators.

## IN THE HOUSE.

Rivers and harbors bill up for consideration. Mondell of Wyoming introduced a bill granting rights of way for ditches and canals through public lands and reservations, the states to control operation and charges of ditch and power companies using these ditches and canals.

Martin of Colorado introduced resolution directing committee on insular affairs to investigate sale of friars' lands.

Canon took the floor in favor of rivers and harbors bill and referred to the fact that he had voted for a similar bill in 1882 over President Arthur's veto.

county commissioners.

Mrs. M. Mager was the guest of relatives in Hammond Monday.

Mike Hart made a business trip to Hammond today.

John Lauerman of Hanover Center transacted business here today.

Joseph M. Thelen of Chicago spent Sunday with relatives here.

Ben Klein was a Hammond visitor Sunday.

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

A MODERN DAVID. Should some one offer you \$100,000 in money and a trip around the world if you would merely keep still, what would you do?

A great temptation? Well, Richard Parr, a young man of New York, was made that offer by the sugar trust and refused it.

In 1894 Parr was working for the government as a sugar sampler on a salary of \$1,000 a year, on which he was supporting a mother and a sister.

He discovered that the government was being cheated by the sugar trust by a system of false weights. He went to Washington, where he disclosed the steal and was made a special agent to secure evidence.

Largely as a result of Parr's work the government now knows that the trust has stolen some \$30,000,000. Already some \$2,000,000 of the stolen money has been returned to the treasury.

The head of the trust died not long ago because of fear of prosecution, it is said. Some of the directors have resigned in hope of escape, and indictments are in prospect for a number of officials "higher up."

Learning that Parr was after them, the heads of the trust tried to buy him off.

They made the offer of the \$100,000 and the trip around the world, which he indignantly spurned, reported the offer to Roosevelt and was told to continue his efforts.

Later Parr was offered \$25,000 in cash to give up a little steel spring taken from the trust scales. He had the official who offered the bribe arrested, but could not prove the attempted bribery.

Then his life was threatened.

Parr merely laughed.

The frightened officers of the trust employed a burglar who broke open Parr's desk and secured some of the evidence.

Almost single handed this young man has brought the greedy, thieving trust to its knees. He is a very David to that Goliath.

Turning his back upon luxury as well as upon threats, he has maintained the integrity of his trust.

And this quiet, persistent young official disclaims any credit for heroism or special thanks. Like every other hero worth while, he insists he did only his duty.

You remember James Russell Lowell's appeal, "God give us men?"

Well, God is giving us men—men who dare to do and to be, who can neither be swayed nor badgered nor cajoled from the right way of life—men like Richard Parr.